

Richard Demarco awarded European Citizen's Prize



At a ceremony at the European Parliament Office in Edinburgh today, Professor Richard Demarco CBE was presented with the 2013 European Citizen's Medal by Scottish MEP Struan Stevenson.

Accepting the medal, Professor Demarco said:- "The great culture that binds us together as Europeans is also the culture of the world. There is no Polish art, or Scottish art, or English art, or Italian art. There is only art."

Prof Demarco recalled the origins of the Edinburgh Festival, which had aspired "to use the language of art to define a re-awakening, a period of forgiveness and reconciliation."

He said Edinburgh needed to tell the story and the history of the Edinburgh Festival and of the people who had made it happen.

Struan Stevenson said: "There could be no more appropriate recipient of the Citizen's Prize than Richard Demarco"

Prof Demarco will travel to Brussels in October as a guest of the President of the European Parliament for a formal investiture ceremony for laureates of the European Citizen's Prize.

